TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 196 - SB 2038

March 25, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: In Davidson County, authorizes a person whose driver's license has been suspended for failure to pay fines older than five years to enroll in a payment plan with the criminal or circuit court clerk. Requires a person entering into a written payment plan to pay 10 percent of the outstanding fines and costs in the first month of the plan and to pay the balance in no more than nine payments. Disenrolls, and prohibits reenrollment of, a person who fails to make three monthly payments.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- This bill applies only to Davidson County.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §55-50-502, a person whose driver's license was suspended for nonpayment of fines over five years old may currently make a single payment at a reduced rate of 50%. Therefore, Davidson County has the current ability to determine the identity of those persons who qualify for the payment plan.
- The Department of Safety will accept payments for fines on suspended licenses and currently has a system in place to accommodate individuals who choose to enroll in the payment plan without additional expenditures.
- The number of individuals who choose to enroll in the payment plan will not be significant.
- Because the fines and costs have already been assessed, the authorization of a payment plan will neither result in a reduction nor an increase in local or state revenue.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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